

COURTHOUSE LAW LIBRARIES

WHY THEY MATTER

ENSURING COMPETENCY AMONG THE PRACTICING BAR

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EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL LAWYERS - REGARDLESS OF LOCATION!

- All lawyers, not just those practicing in large firms in major urban centres, require access to current and historical legal information

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THIS PHYSICAL SPACE IS IMPORTANT FOR PRACTICAL & PROFESSIONAL REASONS

- Local & visiting lawyers often need to update cases mid-trial & should have access to similar resources from library to library

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CONSTANTLY UPDATED RESOURCES = HIGH QUALITY SERVICES

- Legal texts and databases are very expensive and lawyers practicing in smaller firms rely on law libraries for these

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BULK PURCHASING = SAVINGS!

- Resources offered through LiRN affords access information that is otherwise unaffordable to sole and small practicing lawyers - saving sole practicing lawyers almost \$8,300/yr

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IT'S THE LSO'S MANDATE TO ENSURE COMPETENCY

- Sustainably funding ensures that the public is served by lawyers with the highest standards of learning and competence. Cutting law library budgets works against this goal